

the Society. It was decided to hold the next meeting in Chico, June 8th.

After adjournment the members were treated by Dr. Caldwell to a fine collation which was much enjoyed.

ELLA F. GATCHELL, Secretary.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.

On May 6th a special meeting of the County Society was held at the Chamber of Commerce to give the profession and others interested an opportunity of meeting Mr. Samuel Hopkins Adams. A number of prominent citizens, members of the medical profession, district judge and others, attended the meeting, and the subject of medical frauds was discussed at considerable length and with great profit to all present.

We find these joint meetings of laymen with the members of our Society very instructive and very valuable.

WM. T. BARRY, Secretary.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

At the regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society, held March 29, 1907, the society was entertained by Drs. Fitzgerald and Southworth. The following members were present: Drs. H. E. Southworth, W. W. Fitzgerald, I. B. Ladd, H. C. Petersen, H. Smythe, E. L. Blackmun, F. P. Clark, A. W. Hoisholt, M. C. Taylor, H. E. Sanderson, M. Smyth, J. D. Young, M. Goodman, R. R. Hammond, R. B. Knight, J. D. Dameron, C. R. Harry, A. W. Morton and B. J. Powell. Drs. Welty, Mason and Walker as guests.

Dr. A. W. Morton of San Francisco addressed the society on "Appendicitis and Its Complications." After his address the society adjourned to the dining-room of the Imperial Hotel and during the banquet the subject of Dr. Morton's address was discussed. Dr. A. W. Hoisholt opened the discussion and was followed by most of the members present.

BARTON J. POWELL, Secretary.

SHASTA COUNTY.

The following is the report of the meeting of the Shasta County Medical Society, held April 20, 1907:

Shasta County Medical Society met in regular session April 20, 1907, at the City Hall, President R. F. Wallace in the chair. There were present Drs. Wallace, Bouter, White, Edgcomb, Taylor, Nutting, Tebbe, Saylor and Weber. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to have the following resolutions printed and a copy of the same sent to each member of the Society:

"Resolved, By Shasta County Medical Society, that the minimum fee for examinations for 'old line' life insurance companies be five dollars and for fraternal insurance companies and societies two dollars; and be it further

"Resolved, That any special arrangement for increase of fee to five dollars per examination made between medical examiner and any agent of \$3.00 companies be not accepted by this society.

"Whereas, it is the sense of this body that contract lodge and society practice is detrimental, degrading and humiliating to the medical profession, therefore be it

"Resolved, By Shasta County Medical Society, in regular meeting assembled that no member of this society be permitted to enter into contract relations with such societies, and be it further

"Resolved, That no physician in the employment

of such societies be eligible to membership in Shasta County Medical Society, and be it further

"Resolved, That no member of Shasta County Medical Society be permitted to consult with any physician following such a practice."

Dr. S. T. White read a very interesting paper on Pneumonia, which was followed by a lively discussion by all doctors present, after which the society adjourned to meet with Dr. Legge at McCloud, July 20, 1907.

PHIL H. WEBER, Secretary

PUBLICATIONS.

Operative Otology, Surgical Pathology and Treatment of Diseases of the Ear. By Clarence John Blake, M. D., Professor of Otology in Harvard University, and Henry Ottridge Reik, M. D., Associate in Ophthalmology and Otology Johns Hopkins University. New York and London: D. Appleton & Company. 1906.

This is essentially a surgical treatise in which the individual experience of the writers is particularly emphasized. The pathology of the various conditions also receives careful consideration. An effort has been made to present the subject as simply as possible. The opening chapter is devoted to the surgical anatomy of the temporal bone and adnexia, and the succeeding one to aseptic technique. Neither of these chapters presents anything new. The portions in which diseases of the auricle, external auditory canal, tympanic membrane, and tympanum, are considered contain clear, brief and yet complete, descriptions of the principal points, especially pathological. The other sections on the technique employed in operations in middle ear and mastoid diseases are quite noteworthy for their lucidity. The book terminates with an appendix, which contains notes on various subjects, such as The Value of Early Paracentesis of the Tympanic Membrane in Acute Suppurative Otitis Media; The Algesimeter; The Localizing Symptoms of Brain Abscess, an article especially prepared by Dr. George Arthur Waterman, of Boston; Keiper's chart of the clinical symptoms of disease in the mastoid process and adjacent structures; the removal of the stapes for the relief of aural vertigo; and the surgical exploration of the labyrinth after the method of Julian Bourguet.

A. J. L.

A Text-Book Upon the Pathogenic Bacteria for Students of Medicine and Physicians. By Joseph McFarland, M. D., Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology in the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia; Pathologist to the Philadelphia Hospital and to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, Philadelphia; Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, etc. Fifth Edition. Thoroughly Revised. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1906.

This is a new edition of a well known book and does not require any extended review. The general arrangement of previous editions is the same, and the results of recent investigations have been carefully considered in the revision of the text. The chapters upon infection and immunity have been entirely rewritten; although the subject of Opsonins is barely mentioned. We were unable to find any reference to the clinical uses of opsonic examinations. Altogether the volume is a very accurate and interesting presentation of bacteriology from the modern point of view.

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